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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, ETRD, ASEC, UR, US

SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF INTOURIST OFFICES

REF: STATE 49630 AND PREVIOUS

1. AMEXO NEW YORK REP HANSEN-STURM INFORMED DEPARTMENT, MARCH 2, THAT PRESIDENT OF AMEXCO TRAVEL DIVISION INDEPENDENTLY SENT TELEX TO INTOURIST OFFICES IN MOSCOW WHICH SAID IN EFFECT "THANKS FOR THE OFFICE SPACE OFFER, BUT CAN YOU DO BETTER?" THIS MESSAGE HAS, UNDERSTANDABLY, CONFUSED SOVIET AUTHORITIES, AND HANSEN-STURM DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY WILL PROVIDE A WRITTEN OFFER CONCERNING RENT AND AVAILABILITY DATE UNTIL SITUATION IS CLARIFIED. SINCE CONFUSION IS RESULT OF AMEXCO INTERNAL PROBLEMS, HANSEN-STURM HAS RECOMMENDED THAT DEPARTMENT APPROVE NEW  
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INTOURIST SITE IF SOVIETS SUBMIT REQUEST WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO USG.

2. TREPYKHALIN OF SOVIET EMBASSY, ON MARCH 1, ADVISED EUR/SOV (EDGAR) THAT INTOURIST PRESENTLY HAS NO PROSPECTS FOR RELOCATION IN NEW YORK. DEPTOFF, SAME DAY, WAS CONTACTED BY REAL ESTATE BROKERS WHO ARE NEGOTIATING

POSSIBLE DEAL BETWEEN INTOURIST AND LANDLORD ON 44TH STREET. BROKERS SAID PROSPECTIVE LANDLORD IS SEEKING

ASSURANCES THAT INTOURIST WILL NOT FAULT ON LEASE. DEPTOFF OFFERED TO CONTACT LANDLORD, EXPLAIN US INTEREST IN CASE AND GIVE REASONS WHY IT IS LIKELY THAT INTOURIST WILL REMAIN INDEFINITELY IN US. BROKERS SAID THEY PREFERRED TO "BREAK ICE" WITH THE LANDLORD BEFORE ANY DEPARTMENT CONTACTS.

3. COMMENT. DEPARTMENT IS INCLINED TO APPROVE INTOURIST REQUEST TO RELOCATE AS SOON AS IT FINDS AN ACCEPTABLE PLACE. AMEXCO MAY, IN ANY EVENT, HAVE STRAIGHTENED OUT ITS SITUATION IN MOSCOW BEFORE INTOURIST FINDS NEW OFFICE SPACE HERE. CHRISTOPHER

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